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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. No trading reported. Offerings were light to adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat with offerings tight and held with confidence at higher trending price levels. Frozen tom breast meat offerings were light to adequate with sellers raising their offering prices on product with -90 days age. The thigh meat market continued strong with some giving credit for the strength to both exports and USDA school lunch purchases. The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with drums and wings in the strongest position.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light and centered on frozen thigh meat at higher trending prices into non-Russian export channels. Interest continued to be noted from Africa, Asia, Russia and surrounding destinations.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 21, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	68.25	40	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	60	60.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 22, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.40 **	56.50	65.50
CENTRAL REGION	55.50	55.40	65.40 **
WESTERN REGION	60.00	57.00	66.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	56.90 **	55.00	58.80 **
CENTRAL REGION	55.85 **	55.00	58.20 **
WESTERN REGION	57.50 **	57.00	57.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 25-AUG-2003

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS LBS
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED) TOO FEW TO REPORT
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JULY	470,706*
AUGUST 1-16, 2003	225,460*
To date 2003	3,688,789*
To date 2002	3,229,661*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	866	19	21.19	(A)	868 21.19
SATL	809	0	27.68	(A)	811 27.68
N CENT	2,184	2	30.30	(A)	2,186 30.30
S CENT	474	-2	19.86	(A)	476 19.86
WEST	473	-4	21.71	(A)	473 21.71
U.S. TOTAL	4,806(B)	3	26.35	8	4,814 26.35
TO-DATE					
2003	152,347(B)			470	152,817
TO-DATE					
2002	150,963(B)			254	151,217

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 56,000; for the year 2,042,000; last year to date 1,615,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 16-Aug-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	2,075	2,675	56	8		4,814
AVG WT	15.58	34.75	23.37	31.17		26.35
LAST WEEK	1,842	2,726	94	13		4,675
SAME WK YR AGO	1,885	2,816	86	0		4,787
AVG WT	14.95	33.85	23.50	0.00		26.22
TO-DATE/2003	60,988	89,317	2,042	470		152,817
TO-DATE/2002	60,122	89,226	1,615	254		151,217

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 AUGUST 2003.

Offers of fresh and frozen tom breast meat were at higher to sharply higher levels. No trading reported. Supplies of fresh breast meat were tight and sellers held frozen breast meat waiting for higher prices to surface. Buyer interest improved on fresh destrapped tenders and trading was at higher trending prices. Fresh wing meat moved at 39 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat was very tight, there was a limited availability of fresh thigh meat for prompt shipment. Frozen tom drums were very tight, some fresh tom drums were available. Supplies of wings were limited, necks about adequate. No export trading reported.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	152.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	78.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	26.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.00	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	56.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	16.89	54
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	140.50	80
THIGH MEAT		M	58.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00		60.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	48.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	84.00		84.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00		116.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.18	44

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	F	27.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	F	20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM			
TAILS	M	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	M	17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	T	59.67	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 AUGUST 2003.

The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, breast trim fully steady and at least steady on the balance of white meat. Demand was fair to good on fresh tom breast meat, fair on breast trim and light to fair on the balance of white meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were tight and held with confidence at higher trending price levels. Frozen tom breast meat offerings were light to adequate with some sellers raising their offering prices for product with -90 days age. The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with drums and wings in the strongest positions. Trading light on all items. Fresh tom breast meat traded at higher prices for domestic shipments and frozen thigh meat at higher price levels for non-Russian destinations. Fresh wing meat traded at 49 and fresh breast trim 70 cents delivered domestic. Frozen thigh meat traded at 70 cents delivered export for October shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	152.00	20		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	78.00	800		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40	29.53	114
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40	29.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	26.00	20	26.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40	22.07	149
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	21.00	40	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	40	26.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	56.00	40	55.67	60
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40	16.94	94
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	152.00		152.00	80	137.83	480
THIGH MEAT		M	58.00	40	58.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-70.00		67.00	80	64.86	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		W	48.00	40	52.00	72
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	84.00	40	84.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	114.00		114.00	40	115.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	26		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	16.18	44	17.51	164

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	27.00	80		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	52		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.00	80	17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	40	62.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.